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Title: DATA MODEL FOR SUPPLY CHAIN PLANNING
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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Further to the recent interview with Applicant's representative and the Examiner, Applicant submits herewith new claims in method format. As the Examiner has requested, Applicant is filing these claims together with a continuation application and a preliminary amendment. It is believed that these claims are in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-20, and add the following new claims:

21. (New) A method for facilitating the dynamic allocation of manufacturing resources and materials in a manufacturing sequence, comprising the steps of:
providing a data model for said manufacturing sequence,

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